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Algeria*: draft resolution

Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and in particular chapter 17, section G of Agenda 21, relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States, 1/

Recalling also its resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 47/189 of 22 December 1992 and 48/193 of 21 December 1993,

Reaffirming that, because the development options of small island developing States are limited, there are special challenges to devising and implementing sustainable development plans and that those States will be

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution I, annex II.

constrained in meeting those challenges without the cooperation of the international community,

Having considered the report of the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which was held in Barbados from 25 April to 6 May 1994, including a high-level segment, on 5 and 6 May, 2/

Expressing its satisfaction that the Conference and its Preparatory Committee provided for the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and its specialized agencies at a high level and of observers, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations from all regions of the world,

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Barbados for the hospitality extended to the participants of the Conference and for the excellent facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

1. Approves the report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; 2/

2. Endorses the Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, as adopted at the Conference on 6 May 1994; 3/

3. Notes with satisfaction the summary of the high-level segment which focused on the theme "Forging partnerships for sustainable development"; 4/

4. Requests the Secretary-General, through the Department of Public Information, to arrange for the public distribution of the Programme of Action in the appropriate manner and to ensure its wide dissemination;

5. Calls upon all concerned to implement all commitments, agreements and recommendations reached at the Conference, by, among other measures, ensuring provision of the means of implementation under chapter XV of the Programme of Action;

6. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action; 5/

2/ Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 26 April-6 May 1994 (A/CONF.167/9 and Corr.1 and 2) (United Nations publication, Sales No. 94.I.18).

3/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

4/ Ibid., annex III.

5/ A/49/425 and Add.1.

7. Urges Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take the action necessary to give effective follow-up to the Programme of Action;

8. Notes with appreciation the feasibility studies conducted by the United Nations Development Programme on the Small Island Developing States Technical Assistance Programme 6/ and on the Small Island Developing States Information Network; 7/

9. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to carry out its mandate as the lead agency in organizing the efforts of the United Nations system towards capacity-building at the local, national and regional levels and in fostering the United Nations collective thrust in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly through its network of country offices and in that context to:

(a) Initiate the implementation of the Technical Assistance Programme with the preparation of a directory, as specified in paragraph 106 of the Programme of Action, and undertake further consultation with small island developing States and other interested parties with a view to determining the most effective means of implementation of the Technical Assistance Programme;

(b) Coordinate further interregional and intraregional consultations between relevant technical experts of small island developing States and other interested States, which will further elaborate the Information Network and determine the most effective means of implementing it, taking into account the requirements of the Technical Assistance Programme and the Programme of Action, with a view to commencing implementation before the fiftieth session of the United Nations General Assembly;

10. Calls upon the international community to give its full support to efforts to put the Technical Assistance Programme and the Information Network into operation;

11. Requests the Commission on Sustainable Development, in the context of its multi-year thematic programme and its annual consideration of cross-sectoral issues, to:

(a) Monitor and review, in a distinct and identifiable manner, the implementation of the provisions agreed upon in the Programme of Action;

(b) Carry out in 1996 an initial review of the progress achieved and the steps taken to implement the Programme of Action;

(c) Recommend, in the context of the overall review of Agenda 21 in 1997, specific modalities for a full review in 1999 of the Programme of Action,

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6/ A/49/459.

7/ A/49/414.

including the question of convening a second global conference, in accordance with chapter 17, section G, of Agenda 21;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to enable relevant regional commissions to support activities to coordinate the implementation of the Conference outcomes at the regional and subregional levels, by, inter alia, providing the necessary autonomy and adequate resources to their subregional offices and operational centres, in accordance with paragraph 134 of the Programme of Action;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has strengthened capacity to carry out, in accordance with its mandate, the research and analysis necessary to support the implementation of the Programme of Action;

14. Further requests the Secretary-General to establish a clearly identifiable, qualified and competent entity within the Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, United Nations Secretariat, with the resources and number of professionals and support staff necessary to undertake its broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 123 thereof;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Implementation of the outcomes of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

16. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on action taken to implement the present resolution and on action taken by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and, in that regard, to invite those that have not already done so to consider the establishment of focal points and other similar mechanisms to enable them to respond effectively in the implementation of the Programme of Action.